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KC MAN INDICTED FOR IDENTITY THEFT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for identity theft.

Lawrence Stuart Tuttle, also known as Clarence A. Smith, 48, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Tuttle** stole the identity of his brother by using his Social Security number with the intent to commit an unlawful activity. The federal indictment alleges that **Tuttle** committed the offense between July 12, 2000, and July 12, 2001. **Tuttle** used his brother's Social Security number to obtain credit cards, bank accounts and other goods and services exceeding \$1,000.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Frances E. Reddis. It was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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